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Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 20, 2004

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 15, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

1/23/2004 JHEIR1 00000000 Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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110.00 MRemarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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New Claims

Claims 23-25 are allowable at least because claims 23-25 include elements of claims 3, 6, and 7, respectively, which the Examiner has indicated as being allowable.

Claims 19-22 are allowable at least because the art cited by the Examiner fails to anticipate the features therein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the various rejections and allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-25 is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, Applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R.§1.16 or under 37 C.F.R.§1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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